

but little has been said about the manner in which Judge Ito has presided. It has reminded many observers of a circus rather than a courtroom. This is inexcusable.

Mr. Speaker, this presents yet another example of a judge oblivious to the significance of taxpayers' resources. The Simpson trial has been extremely costly to the taxpayers and should have been concluded months ago.

I am not suggesting that the rights of all parties should not be protected and preserved. I am not suggesting that parties to litigation should be forced to compromise. I am suggesting, however, that a trial should proceed in a timely fashion, and it is the judge's duty to assure this conclusion.

Judge Ito deserves no high marks for his performance and I nominate him as 1995's most out of touch judicial bureaucrat who obviously has no appreciation for cost effectiveness at the courthouse.

#### FBI MUST ANSWER FOR RUBY RIDGE

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, this ordeal at Ruby Ridge continues to amaze me. FBI sniper Lon Horiuchi, who shot and killed Vicki Weaver, unarmed holding her infant child, now says he will not testify at congressional hearings because the lawyers for Lon Horiuchi say they do not like the questions that will be answered.

Mr. Speaker, what is going on here? No American should be deprived life, liberty, and pursuit of property. Where was the Miranda? Where was the due process? Where were the arraignments?

Now the FBI is saying these are great mistakes. These are not just great mistakes. I say there was murder on Ruby Ridge. The FBI has to answer for those murders and for the power and arrogance of the Federal Government that trampled over citizens, then called them mistakes and will not testify because they do not like the questions.

Shame Congress. Take the Government back.

#### SUPPORT H.R. 1594 AND RESTORE SECURITY TO OUR PENSION SYSTEM

(Mr. DELAY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, today, we take up legislation on the floor to protect the pensions of millions of Americans.

President Clinton has directed that all government pension plans invest in fiscally risky but politically correct investments.

He has done so for the obvious reason for helping his misguided left-wing agenda.

But let me ask a very direct question: What is more important, political correctness or pension security?

In my mind, we need to insure that the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation invests with only one interest: keeping the pension system secure.

If some Americans want to risk their money in politically correct investments, that is their decision. But it should not be by direction of the President, and it should not be done with the pensions of Americans who rely on them for their livelihoods.

Mr. Speaker, the President should keep his hands off these pensions. I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 1594, which will reverse the Clinton Executive order, and restore security to our pension system.

#### WE MUST INVEST IN OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

(Mr. UNDERWOOD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, while the cost of a college education is rapidly increasing, some Members on the other side of the aisle would like to cut student loan funding. The majority's plans would significantly raise the cost of student loans by changing the way loan interest is calculated, capping Pell Grants, and eliminating the Direct Student Loan Program.

Mr. Speaker, many American families will find that they have been priced out of a college education by these changes and many students will find that the assistance they were depending on is simply not going to be there.

The new leadership once championed giving every student a PC. I will do one better. How about giving every student an opportunity for a college degree so that they can use that PC, rather than just play solitaire? We invest in roads, bridges, and infrastructure. We must also invest in our young people.

#### CONGRESS MUST STOP THE RAIDING OF AMERICA'S PENSION FUNDS

(Mr. BALLENGER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BALLENGER. Mr. Speaker, while the Republican-led Congress continues on the path to becoming the most successful Congress in history, the Clinton administration continues to come up with new and interesting ways of robbing Peter to pay for liberal social programs for Paul. The latest effort by the administration has come in the form of ETI's.

Mr. Speaker, ETI stands for "economically targeted investment" and is designed to promote the investment of private pension funds into liberal social projects. ETI's are a disaster for working men and women who want

their retirement savings to be invested wisely. Once again, the liberals believe that they know what is best for the American people and they intend to force that belief on us all in any way they can.

Today, the House will debate legislation to combat this destructive and intrusive plan. The working people of America are counting on our help to stop this senseless raiding of their pensions.

#### CHIRAC, CHIRAC, WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?

(Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, as I said earlier to my colleagues and to the American people, the French Government has already exploded 164 nuclear bombs in the atmosphere and under the Mururoa Atoll in French Polynesia, in the South Pacific.

Mr. Speaker, first French officials said the tremendous amount of nuclear contamination contained in this atoll should be contained for 1,000 years. Now, these same French officials are saying it may be 100 years.

Mr. Speaker, the consensus now among the scientists is that Mururoa Atoll will collapse within 10 to 50 years. Mr. Speaker, the contamination contained in this atoll is equivalent to several Chernobyls in the Ukraine.

Mr. Speaker, I was arrested for 16 hours on the Greenpeace ship the *Rainbow Warrior II*, and I wrote these verses to describe the crisis in the South Pacific:

You appear in a cloud, like a flash from the West that blinds our vision. From Tahiti Nui, from the Tuamotus, Mangareva, Tubuai, Bora-Bora, Raiatea, Huahine, Tahaa, NukuHiva, Tureia, Mururoa and Fangataufa.

Like poisoned fish that float aimlessly from fissured reefs, death moves slowly toward the people from the sun until it is too late.

Chirac, Chirac, what have you done?

#### STOP THE CLINTON PENSION GRAB

(Mr. JONES asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. JONES. Mr. Speaker, investment of pension funds into economically targeted investments, or ETI's, is another questionable plan advocated by the Clinton administration to get its hands on more of the citizens' hard-earned money. This policy would divert pension funds away from financially sound investments into politically correct investments.

The Democrats have absolutely no plan to save Medicare from bankruptcy and now the administration wants to jeopardize the hard-earned pensions of millions of American seniors and at the American people's financial expense, \$1

million for the clearinghouse to promote these risky, low-return investments.

Mr. Speaker, it seems the administration is more interested in putting high-priced programs first and the welfare of America's retirees second. We must stop the Clinton pension grab by passing the Pension Protection Act of 1995.

#### REPUBLICAN CUTS IN EDUCATION

(Mr. HILLIARD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HILLIARD. Mr. Speaker, Republicans in Congress seem to enjoy destruction more than they do creation. They have attacked our Nation's children and young adults.

Republicans in Congress have slashed education more than \$36 billion. And why? To pay for the monstrous tax breaks that they have proposed for their wealthiest supporters. By slashing our education budgets, our kids will have more overcrowded classrooms, fewer computers, and fewer teachers.

The Republican plans will cut Head Start by 45,000 kids by 1996. They will cut \$23 million from the Safe and Drug-Free Schools Program and, ultimately, deny many millions of students access to college education by cutting back on direct student loans and the Pell Grant Program.

Mr. Speaker, we know the Republicans do not care about the Nation's children and we also know they do not care about public education. After all, most of their kids are in private schools anyway.

#### NEW MAJORITY BRINGING RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT TO WASHINGTON

(Mr. CHAMBLISS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. Speaker, my children are in public schools and my wife teaches public school.

Mr. Speaker, this week the new majority of this body will unveil its plan for reforming the Medicare system—a plan that is long overdue for a system that will soon pay out more than it takes in.

Meanwhile the President and Members of the other side of the aisle crisscross the country with their deficit spending, big government message. Over the years they failed the American people by not giving them a responsible Government that operates within its means.

Now that the new majority is about the business of bringing to Washington responsible Government, the other side has resorted to generational warfare, scaring seniors into believing they are the targets of our balanced budget when in fact they are not.

Our message is simple: We are committed to Medicare's continued viability for the future of seniors and our children. We are committed to positive changes that will balance our budget and encourage individual responsibility—the same goals of any American family.

#### CONGRESS MUST CLOSE THE BILLIONAIRE'S TAX LOOPHOLE

(Mr. WARD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today once again to address an issue that this Congress has yet to face, that is the issue of billionaire expatriates.

Mr. Speaker, on numerous occasions the majority has refused permanently to close a tax loophole which enables billionaires to renounce their U.S. citizenship in order to avoid paying taxes.

To add insult to injury, the Washington Post reported yesterday that the State Department, has received an application from the country of Belize to open a diplomatic post in Sarasota, FL, exclusively for the convenience of billionaire expatriate Kenneth Dart, whose family happens to live in Sarasota. The arrangement would allow Mr. Dart to continue to avoid paying U.S. taxes, while living with his family in the United States.

Mr. Speaker, I have sent a letter to Secretary Christopher urging him to deny the permission to open this office. Mr. Speaker, we must close this loophole.

#### ATTACKS VERSUS IDEAS

(Mrs. SEASTRAND asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. SEASTRAND. Mr. Speaker, we, the new majority, understand what some pro-big government groups do not: A smaller Federal Government is a better Federal Government.

In the words of Barry Goldwater, "A government big enough to give you everything is big enough to take it all away."

Mr. Speaker, I discovered while traveling in my district the past month that when liberals run out of ideas of their own to offer the American people, they panic with baseless attacks. But while big labor bosses were running attack ads on television against me, I was meeting with many of their rank and file to let them know about how working families will benefit by balancing the budget, by cutting Government spending, and giving working people tax relief.

While the so-called national environmental groups were polluting the environment on the airwaves with fear, I was speaking to my constituents about the common sense we are putting in environmental law that will give us local control.

While the AARP mailed misinformation regarding Medicare, I was discussing with seniors and my other constituents how we intend to protect and preserve Medicare.

Well, Mr. Speaker, if big government special interests were not attacking us, I might be worried we were not doing our job.

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#### WHERE IS THE REPUBLICAN PLAN ON MEDICARE?

(Mr. PALLONE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, yesterday myself and the gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. TORRICELLI] held a second forum in New Jersey on the issue of Medicare, and many senior citizens were seriously concerned about how the severe Republican cuts to Medicare will affect them. Unfortunately, it is difficult to answer that question definitively since we only know what the press has leaked on the subject.

I would like to know where the Republican plan is. It is after Labor Day. We still do not have it. Are we going to have any time to review it even before we vote in a few weeks?

How can the Members of Congress he expected to vote on the largest Medicare reduction in history and fully represent their constituent interests when the Republicans still have no plan?

When the Republicans finally release their Medicare plans, they should allow a significant period of time to analyze the specifics. I do not think that is too much to ask on such an important issue.

The Republicans have been reluctant to release their plan because they fear the wrath of senior citizens. They seem to be opting for the stealth approach by cutting \$270 billion, the largest cut in the history of Medicare without letting the public know the details.

#### CUTS IN EDUCATION ENDANGER OUR FUTURE

(Mrs. CLAYTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. CLAYTON. Mr. Speaker, this Saturday, September 16, in Rocky Mount, NC, I am hosting a youth summit.

More than 800 young people have already confirmed that they will attend. They care about the future.

These young people are encouraged by past success stories and support for their positive and productive attitudes.

Unfortunately, this Congress has given these young people little to be hopeful for.

Thousands of Pell grants will be eliminated, the cost of student loans will skyrocket, there will be less funding for Head Start and Healthy start, Goals 2000 will be eliminated, title I